(2) will it not be a blind road;

(3) has the Madras District Board or Taluk Board agreed to open a road from the interstatal boundary towards Trichur—Vadakkancheri road;

(4) if there is no such proposal, will not the scope of the road be negligible?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Investigations to decide the necessity for the road were made before sanctioning the proposal.

(2) The road is proposed to be opened up to Elanad for the present.

(3) The Madras Government will be addressed in due course when the road has to be opened beyond Elanad to Vaniyampara.

(4) The question does not arise in view of the reply above.

Licenses for arecanut trade at Ottupara Market.

136. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to question No. 219 of the Budget Session of 1107 Karkadagam, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether "a license to run a general market on all Wednesdays" mentioned in answer to sub-division (a) of that question takes in arecanut also;

(b) whether as a matter of fact arecanut is not the most important article of trade brought into the market;

(c) whether anybody else is allowed to trade in arecanut in the same place and on the same day;

(d) whether one Musaliamveettil Ahamad was not given license (second class) to trade in arecanut at Ottupara for many years up to 1102 M. E.;

(e) were there not applicants for license subsequent to 1102 M. E. for arecanut trade in Ottupara;

(f) were such licenses granted; if not, why?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. The license is to carry on the trade on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) No. The legal aspect of the question of granting licenses for new markets to be run on the same day of the week in the same locality is still under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Answer to sub-section (a). My question was, 'with reference to question No. 219 of the Budget Session of 1107 Karkitagam'. In the answer to that it is stated:—"Mr. Muhammad is granted a license to run a

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general market on Wednesdays". I read from the printed proceedings of the Council. Is that answer correct?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. That answer is correct.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Now in answer to this question it is stated that the license is to carry on the trade on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays too. Which is the correct one, the previous one or the subsequent one?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not complete. That is all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know under what law the license mentioned in this answer was given to Mr. Muhammad?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice to say as to the particular Act under which this is done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On what law are licenses granted for running markets in general?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is under the special provisions of the Municipal Regulation which empowers the general provisions of the Municipal Regulation to be applied to any place outside the Municipal areas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take that licenses are granted here as they are granted under the Municipal Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the light of the other answer given, that in areas outside the Municipalities licenses are granted under the provisions of the Municipal Regulation, may I take that the license referred to in this sub-division is granted under the Municipal Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Really I think I should ask for notice as to give the particular Act under which this license is given. The Government is not prepared on the point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any system in Cochin under which licenses are granted or under which crown grants are made for running markets? Is there any system in vogue in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not quite understand what is meant by crown grants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Any system under which crown grants as are given in England are given in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is the Government aware that private markets are conducted improperly and mismanaged on unhygienic lines?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a general question to which I can give any answer. There may be certain instances. But so far nothing has come to our notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state that private persons will not be entrusted to conduct markets and that it will be entrusted to Municipalities and where Municipalities do not exist Government itself will conduct the management?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government cannot give an off-hand reply. I may say that this is a question which Government will be pleased to consider.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is there any such scheme under consideration already?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is none.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are not the Government losing much revenue by following the principle of allowing private markets?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government could not quite agree on that point, because we do get some income from these private markets as well.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is only some 100 rupees or so.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—In view of the importance of the problem to the public is concerned and the possible income to the State, is there practically any objection to do that? And will the Government be pleased to bestow their early attention on this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. They will bestow their early attention.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referring to the same sub-division (a).

In the answer here it is stated "on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays." Was it a condition for the last so many years during which Mr. Muhammad was granted the license or was it restricted only to Wednesdays till recently?

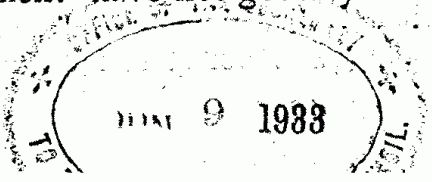
Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the amount of the license fee that the Government gets?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is answered by way of another question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-division (b). Does the Government know the approximate value of the arecanut that is brought there and sold every Wednesday?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a very prosperous market. Except that the Government have not got any information.



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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In answer to another question, *i. e.*, Question No. 139, that they considered the question of opening a Sirkar market in Vadakkancheri, I should like to be informed by the Government whether in the report submitted by Dr. Rao he had mentioned the volume of trade that will come into that market if it is opened by the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Had he not stated that it is a very prosperous market ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether Dr. Rao had mentioned that the Government can expect a good income from that market annually?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His opinion was that it will not be bad at all for the Government to go in for a Sirkar market.

Mr. P.Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Had he also not stated the approximate amount of bid that may be had by going in for that market?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether one Musaliamveetil Ahamed was not given second class license to trade in arecanut?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is stated in the answer itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any register of applications for licenses and the issue of licenses is kept by the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not kept in the Huzur. There may be a register like that in the Public Health Department. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-division (d). On what is this answer based ? Sir, it is with correct information that I have put this question. And the answer given here is 'No'. I should like to know with reference to which papers the Government gives this answer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —We had the information that no such license was granted and the 'No' is based on that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I should like to know whether the Government keeps a register or not,any department, whether the Huzur or the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's office.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There will be records to find out that, whether it be from a register or from other documents.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to look into the necessary papers and supply me with an answer to Sub-division (d)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Papers are not unfortunately here. They can be looked into later on.

D. P. D. Dis. 635—1107.

137. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 277 of the Budget Session of 1107 Karkadagam:—

(a) (1) in what connection was the subject-matter of the interpellation in sub-division (d), viz., the 4th paper read in D. P. D. Dis. 635—1107, before the Government and (2) has the same been disposed of;

(b) can the said paper viz., Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's correspondence ending with letter C. No. 278—1107 be now placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 1. In connection with a petition submitted by Messrs. S. K. Rowther and Brothers of Palghat;

2. Yes.

(b) Government regret they cannot publish the report of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. His recommendation was to open a Government market.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated in sub-division (b) that his recommendation was to open a Government market. In the subsequent question it is stated that the proposal was dropped. It was just now stated that Dr. Rao's report was that it will be a prosperous market. May I know why the proposition was dropped by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The idea was that the proposal could be worked only if the other market is somehow or other controlled. There is no provision by which we can in any way take away the license of the market about which the Hon'ble Member has been putting questions. It is very doubtful whether any other new market will thrive there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not on the ground of license issued by the Government that the other market referred to is being run?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is true. There is no provision by which the license could be refused unless there is specific causes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is stated in answer to sub-division (b) that Government regret they cannot publish the report of the

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